

Rockville Environment Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of Thursday, May 14, 2009
At the Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue

Attendance

Commissioners: Faith Klareich, Steve Cardon, Christine Davidson-McCord, David Davis (via phone), Kris Dighe, Beri Kravitz, Dominique Lorang-Leins and Tolu Odunlami.

Absent: Seth Adams.

Guests: Nate Wall, City of Rockville Environmental Management; Susan Swift, City of Rockville Director of Community Planning and Development Services; Charles Baker, City of Rockville Chief of Inspection Services.

Meeting Commencement

The meeting was convened at 7:35 pm.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 14, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved 7-0-1 (motion by Davidson-McCord, second by Lorang-Leins).

Environmental Management Report by Nate Wall

Upcoming Joint Meeting

A joint meeting with the Historic Commission and Planning Commission has been scheduled for Thursday, June 18, 2009 at 7:30 pm at City Hall. The purpose of the meeting is for Commissioners to introduce themselves and the mission and major activities of their organizations and to begin to identify common issues to all three Commissions.

The remainder of the report was deferred to June in the interest of gaining time to discuss the proposed green building amendments to Chapter 5 of the City Code.

Green Building Ordinance

Nate Wall and Susan Swift briefed the Commission on the draft proposed amendments to Chapter 5 (Buildings and Building Regulations) of the City Code. Wall handed out a table summarizing the proposed changes as well as new provisions. He also discussed the process and timeframes for public comment and ultimately bringing these amendments to the Mayor and Council for adoption in September.

The Commission then discussed the proposed revisions in detail and made numerous suggestions for further improvement of the clarity and intent of the new requirements. No action was taken to endorse the changes at this time. The Sustainable Development and Energy Committee will continue to track and provide comments during this informal process. Mayor and Council formal introduction is now scheduled for June 22, 2009.

Hometown Holidays Preparation

The Commission expressed disappointment that it was not consulted about organizing the Green Expo part of Hometown Holidays.

Given individual Commissioner's schedules, the Commission will staff a booth only on the Sunday of Hometown Holidays

Items needed for the booth include:

Center panel for posters

Handouts

Light bulb demonstration and meters

Power source and cord

Posters

Schedule - Klareich, Davidson-McCord & Lorang-Leins: 12-3;
Cardon, Kravitz & Odunlami: 3-6.

If needed, Mark Charles will open the 30 Courthouse Office to allow for materials to be put away at 6pm.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm

Next Commission Meeting

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday June 9, 2009** at **7:30** pm at the **Rockville City Hall** (111 Maryland Ave).

Post-Meeting Action Items:

- Commissioners will attend Hometown Holidays
- Sustainable Development & Energy Committee will continue to work with City staff to improve the draft green building ordinance